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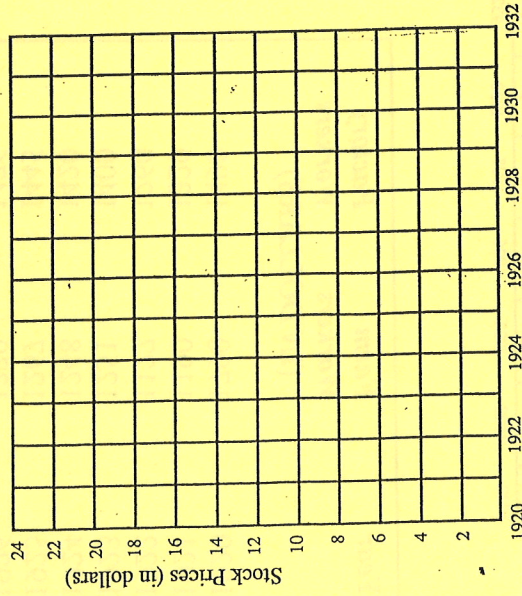
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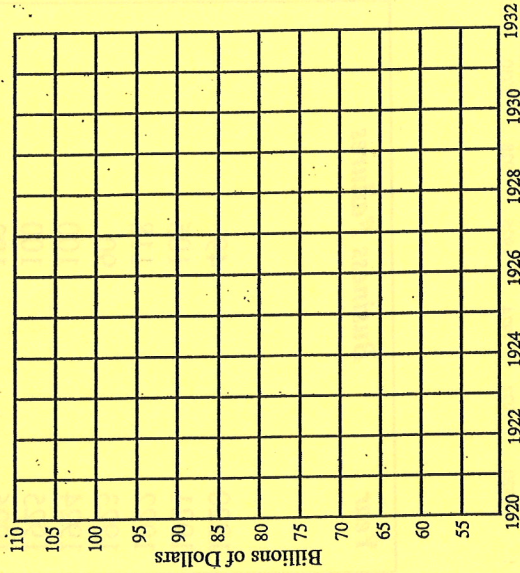
Graphing Economic Data on the Great Depression

Directions: For each set of data, neatly and correctly plot each figure on the corresponding graph. Then, connect the coordinates with a line to create a line graph.

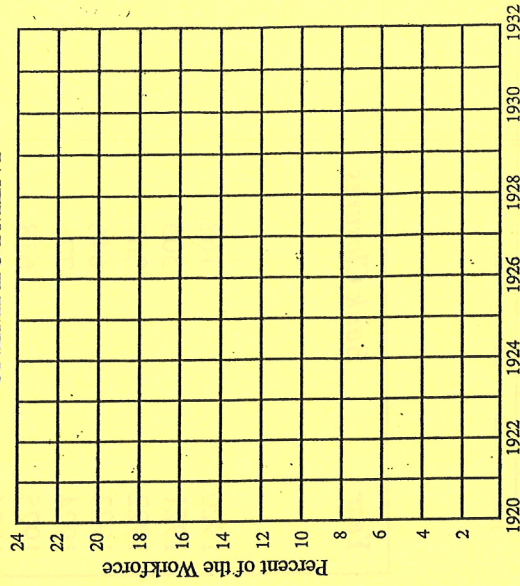
INDEX OF COMMON STOCK PRICES



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT



UNEMPLOYMENT



Average Stock Price

Year	Average Stock Price
1920	7.6
1921	6.8
1922	8.2
1923	8.5
1924	8.9
1925	10.7
1926	12.0
1927	14.4
1928	18.3
1929	24.0
1930	23.0
1931	15.4
1932	7.3

stock = a share in ownership of a company

GNP (IN BILLIONS OF \$)

Year	GNP
1920	89
1921	74
1922	74
1923	86
1924	87
1925	91
1926	97
1927	96
1928	99
1929	104
1930	91
1931	76
1932	58

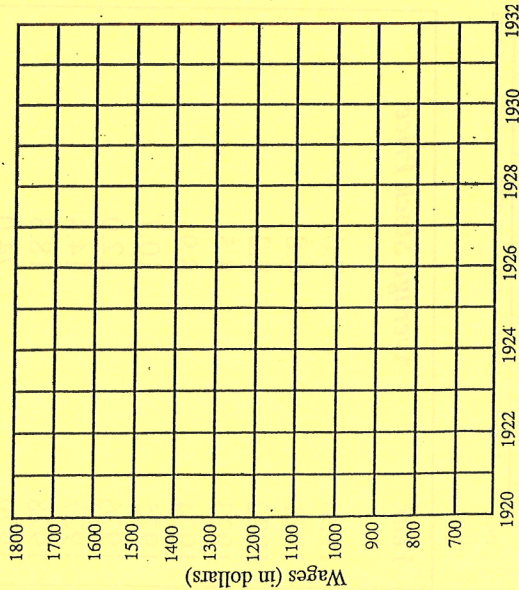
GNP = Total value of goods and services produced within a nation that year

Percent of Workforce

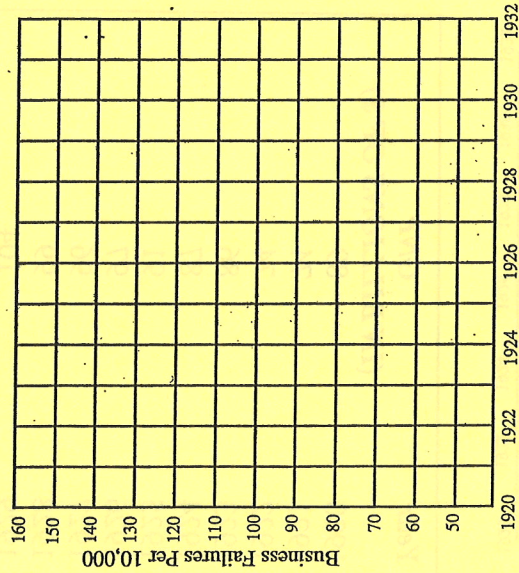
Year	Percent of Workforce
1920	4.0
1921	11.8
1922	7.5
1923	3.2
1924	5.5
1925	4.0
1926	1.9
1927	4.1
1928	4.4
1929	3.1
1930	8.8
1931	15.9
1932	23.5

(salaries)

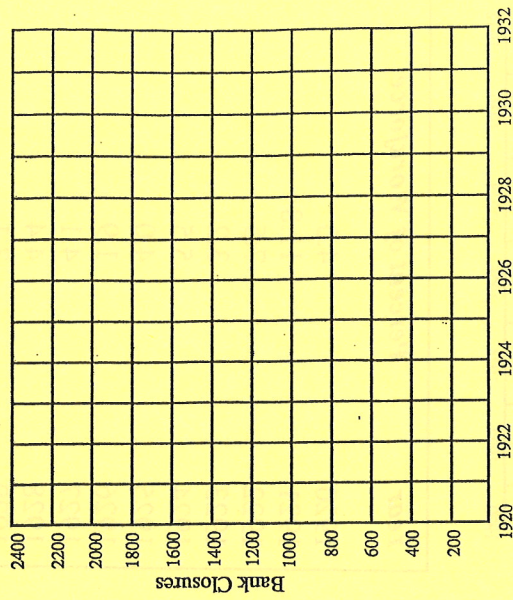
WORKERS' YEARLY WAGES



BUSINESS FAILURES



BANK CLOSURES



Year Farm Workers Factory Workers (IN DOLLARS)

1920	1790	1490
1921	1190	1320
1922	1127	1260
1923	1251	1400
1924	1248	1420
1925	1267	1445
1926	1330	1476
1927	1302	1502
1928	1290	1534
1929	1300	1543
1930	1177	1488
1931	914	1369
1932	669	1150

Year Business Failures

1920	49
1921	105
1922	118
1923	90
1924	100
1925	100
1926	103
1927	108
1928	110
1929	106
1930	121
1931	133
1932	155

Year Bank Closures

1920	168
1921	505
1922	367
1923	646
1924	775
1925	618
1926	976
1927	669
1928	499
1929	659
1930	1352
1931	2294
1932	1456

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U.S. Economy During the Great Depression

Directions: Graph and analyze data on six areas of the U.S. economy during the 1920s and 1930s. The six key measures of the economy are Gross National Product, unemployment rate, workers' average annual salaries, business failures, and bank closures.

*Gross National Product: Is the total value of all goods and services produced within a nation in a particular year, plus income earned by its citizens. It is assumed that a higher GNP is associated with a higher standard of living.

Plot each set of data on the empty graphs and create a line graph. After you have completed all your line graphs answer the following questions:

1. What was the increase in stock prices from 1920 to 1929?
2. What accounted for the dramatic change in stock prices from 1929 to 1932?
3. Given the GNP figures from 1920 to 1929, how would you characterize the health of the economy during the 1920s?
4. What happened to business production between 1929 and 1932?
5. In what year was unemployment the highest?
6. In general, how would you characterize unemployment during the 1920s?
7. In one sentence, explain in general terms what happened to farm workers' wages during the 1920s.
8. In one sentence, explain in general terms what happened to factory workers' wages during the 1920s.
9. On average, about how much more did factory workers make than farm workers?
10. Did business failures generally increase or decrease between 1920 and 1932?

11. Did bank closures increase or decrease between 1929 and 1932?
12. In what year did the greatest number of banks close?
13. Given the data on all six graphs, during what year would you say the Depression was most severe? Why?
14. Given the data on all six graphs, what do you think caused the dramatic jump in unemployment in the early 1930s?
15. Was the seeming economic prosperity of the 1920s shared by workers? Explain.
16. President Hoover was not reelected in 1932. Given the data, explain the difficulties Hoover faced in trying to get reelected. (Think politics and the economy)

Making Connections:

17. What data surprised you/confirmed what you already knew?
18. Were the 1920s really boom times for the American economy? Explain.
19. Did everyone share in the economic prosperity of the 1920s? Explain.
20. When did the economic collapse occur? Why do you know?
21. Based on the data, what do you think were the main causes of the economic collapse?
22. In what ways were the cases of the Great Depression interrelated? (make some connections)